



The White Birch

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SENESCHAL'S MISSIVE

To all who read and hear these words, Kudrun Pilegrim sends greeting.

In the real middle ages there was no way to quantify temperature. There was no way to say “15 below zero” because Daniel Gabriel Fahrenheit didn't invent cold weather until 1724. Maybe there were days in period that your breath froze to your mustache, or that the local river froze over. But at least it wasn't quantified. You didn't look at an instrument on the wall and shudder. You just huddled closer to the fire, or the cow, and hoped for warmer days.

That sounds good to me.

Think May 1 – we'll have an announcement next meeting.

Kudrun



And those three stars mark Orion's belt.
Probably the only really good thing about winter.



Next meeting

Sunday, January 17 at Skokke Towers

6th and Division Streets, LaCrosse.

Anyone who can is welcome to bring food to share

A&S List

Patricia – Made *Henne in Bokenade* – 15th-century English recipe

Vitaliano – Researching period games, herbs and spices.

Cybele – Made mince pie from scratch. Hosted potluck and meeting. Thank you, Cybele.

Kudrun – Researching Roger Ascham for Twelfth Night. Has visions of garb for Twelfth Night.

Vetoria – Garb research & planning.



Upcoming Events

Selected list. For the complete list, see the *Northwatch* or www.northshield.org

Jan 9	Much Ado About Twelfth Night – Nordskogen (Twin Cities)
Jan 23	It's Only a Flesh Wound – Jararvellir (Jefferson WI)
Feb 20	Fighter School – Jararvellir (Jefferson WI)
Feb 20	Historical Haire Affaire – Falcon's Keep (Wausau WI)
Feb 27	Lupercalia – (Nicollet MN)
Feb 27	Bardic Madness XX – Windhaven (DePere WI)
April 10	Spring Coronation (Somewhere over the rainbow)

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Minutes of the Populace Meeting

December 20, 2009 – Lady Cybele's castle

Chronicler forgot to note who was there.

Herald had to work, so Bronislava opened the meeting.

OFFICER REPORTS

Exchequer – AWOL

Marshalate – Nothing's going on.

Chatelaine – “Hi”

Chronicler is thinking that people are thinking food, not meeting.

Chirurgion is passing the hat to Vettoria, but she's not trained yet, so nobody better get hurt.

A&S – We've discussed classes for meetings. Kudrun's ready. Maybe we'll start in February.

Web Minister – Working on a recipe plug-in for rokeclif.org. Wants persona stories and pics of Cliffies in garb.

Youth Minister – Hasn't sent in the change-of-officer form yet. Working youth for a September event in Jaravellir..

Seneschal – We'll support Coille Stoirmeil's TMT event informally, rather than co-host. That leaves us free to do a snit. All in favor? (Discussion ensued, consensus was reached) The ayes prevailed despite the nay-sayer applying himself to his office. Vitaliano will be Event Steward. We talked about locations. Taylor is central, and Pierre has volunteered to pay the fee.

Pie Snit III – games tourney? Pies? Lighthearted fun are all on the agenda.

Autumn Rose – Sweet Sixteenth Century – is going on the calendar. \$12 feast (half price for kids under 12), \$8 day trip. \$10 for the weekend. Bard of Rokeclif rules are expanded – extra points for using “sixteen”.

Period games? Dessert revel and dance? Bardic circle. Bardic competition?

Hunger trumped discussion of events, so Alyssa oyezed the meeting closed at 3:50.



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